Involvement of non-Governmental Organisations in Welfare of Destitute Children

6209. SYED SIBTEY RAZI; Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Nursery wing of the Home for the abandoned children known as "Palna" run by the Delhi Council for Child Welfare has been opened recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government encourages the Non-Governmental Organisations to involve themselves in activities like looking after destitute children etc.;

(d) whether Goernment propose to take some initiatives in this regard;

(e) whether Government have been requested to make some legislation on adoption of destitute children;

(f) if so, the details thereof and steps taken so far in this direction and if no the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU): (c) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Old Nursary wing "Palna" of Delhi Council of Child Welfare which was in dilapidated condition was recently renoated and declared open on 16-4-94. This is a Home for abandoned children and it accommodates up to 40 babies aged 0-5 mnnths. The home will also provide isolation facilities for both new arrivals and very sick babies.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government has already launched a scheme for the welfare of Street Children under which grants are sanctione tdo voluntary organisations for the Welfare of Street Children facing destitution, Neglect, abuse and exploitaiton.

(e) Child Welfare Agencies which are associated with adoption programme strongly feel that there is a necessity for bringing out a legislation on adoption.

(f) Attempts made in the past for enacting a legislation for adoption have not fructified in view of strong opposition from some sections of the minorities.

Schemes under the Special Component Plan

6210. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main points of the Special Component Plan submitted by the Government of Uttar Pradesh in November 1993 to the Central Government;

(b) what steps Government have taken in each of the schemes; and

(c) whether any budget allocation has been made in the current year's budget and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU): (a) The main points of the Special Component Plan submitted by the Government of Uttar Pradesh for the year 1994-95 are given in the enclosed statement-I. (*See* below).

(b) Sector-wise schemes of the Special Component Plan were discussed in a meeting held on 3rd February, 1994 in the Ministry of Welfare with representatives of the State Government. Suggestions made to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for further recasting of the Special Component Plan are given in enclosed Statement-II (*See* below)

(c) All the Central|Centrally Sponsored schemes under Backward Classes Sector have been provided budget allocation in 1994-95.

Statement-I

Following are the main points of Spl. Component Plan of Uttar Pradesh for the year 1994-95.

1. Rupees 491.36 crores as against the State Outlay of Rs. 4250.00 crores has been earmarked under SCP for the year 1994-95 which is 11.56 per cent as against 21.04 per cent Scheduled Caste population in the state.

2. 350000 Scheduled Caste families would be given assistance under poverty alleviation programmes.

3. 58920 scavengers and their dependents would be rehabilitated in alternative jobs with financial assistance of Rs. 11783.70 lakhs and proposed to impart training to 20,000 scavengers.

4. 130000 Scheduled Caste families will be given Rs. 5720.00 lakhs as subsidy, Rupees 1165.10 lakhs as margin money and Rupees 11258.42 lakhs as bank loan for undertaking various projects of self employment in the sectors of agriculture, animal husbandry. minor irrigation, industry, service and business sectors.

5. 22.77 lakh Scheduled Caste students would be given Scholarship at pre-matric level.

6. Rs. 75.00 crores, 2.00 crores and 15.50 crores would be disbursed by the cooperation Department to Scheduled Caste families as short term. medium term and long term loans respectively.

7.1890 Scheduled Caste bastis 121 Ambedkar villages, 584 Purvas and 100 tube wells are proposed to be electrified during 1994-95. Besides 102 villages will be covered under intensive electrification.

8. The Uttar Pradesh Rural Housing Board will construct 81088 units for Scheduled Caste families under the scheme of Nirbal Varg Gramin Awas.

9. Scheme-wise allocation of the SCP for 1994-95 is given in the Annexure. (See Appendix 170, Annexure No. 124]

Statement-II

Following Suggestions were made to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for further improvement of Special Component Plan for the year 1994-95.

(i) To raie SCP outlay from 11.56 per cent to 21.05 per cent in commensurate with its Scheduled Caste population.

(ii) To formulate specific schemes in sectors like horticulture, dairy, shopping complex, sericulture, social forestry, cooperation, small industry etc. to raise the economic status of Scheduled Caste population.

(iii) To set up balwaris Schools in the areas where the concentration of Scheduled Caste population is 50 per cent or above.

(iv) To raise the coverage of prematric schoiarships.

(v) To increase number of Scheduled Caste families under poverty alleviation programmes.

(vi) To accelerate the implementation of the Scheme of liberation and rehabilitation of scavengers.

(vii) To examine the feasibility of placing the SCP funds at the disposal of Secretary, Social Welfare for prioritisation and monitoring among different Departments.

(viii) To recast the SCP after apportionment of funds in proportion to Scheduled Caste population of the State by formulating specific sectorwise schemes preferably on cluster approach.